

COAA NOVEMBER 2014 MINUTES

2/10/2015	6:10PM	OFFICE ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS	4 th Floor
Meeting Called By	Commissioner Akua Asare		
Assigned Secretary	Commissioner Kedist Geremaw		
Attendees	<p>Commissioners: Akua Asare, Chime Asonye, Ify Nwabukwu, Kedist Geremaw, Loide Jorge, Yusuf Yinusa</p> <p>OAA Dir: Mamadou Samba Deputy Dir: Heran Sereke- Berhan Interns: Marie Diop, Abdel Malicky</p>		
OLD BUSINESS			
ISSUE 1 – official vote on chair for COAA. Vote on Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner Akua Asare was elected by unanimous vote to be the chair of COAA. Commissioner Kedist volunteered to serve as secretary and was approved by unanimous vote. 		
ISSUE 2 – - Introduction of Director - introduction of Interns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mamadou Samba was introduced as the new Director of OAA. New Interns: Abdel Diop, Abdel Maliky, and Tamar Barolette were introduced. 		
STANDING BUSINESS			
OAA REPORT – Director Mamadou Samba ISSUE 1:OAA and COAA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lesson learned from the previous year, and what to look for in 2015 Changing monthly meeting from the second to the first Wednesday of the month. Proposal of new Committee structure* Mamadou met with Chairwoman Bond and several of the city council members and discussed several items such as grants, possibility of having OAA as a stand-alone agency. 		
ISSUE 2: New commission members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently there are vacant commissioner’s seats and Director Mamadou has spoken with prospective COAA individuals. He has submitted seven names to be confirmed. Chairwoman Akua has also engaged others for the COAA. 		
ISSUE 3: Community Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner Loide discussed the need for outreach on President Obama’s Executive Action on Immigration, and DACA (Differed Action for Childhood Arrival). 		
ISSUE 4:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner Chime stressed the need to work together and being respectful of each other’s views as we start the New year. 		
ISSUE 5: New position at OAA	<p>The need to have an additional FTE staff member for the OAA whose responsibility will include programming and communication, there was a suggestion of bringing the new staff as an analyst.</p>		
NEW BUSINESS			
ISSUE 1:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OAA new Logo 		
ISSUE 2: business development workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fresh Start Open House -Fri, Feb 12th, 5- 7pm. OAA –Feb 19, 4-7pm USAID’S African Diaspora Market place. 		
ISSUE 3: Agency performance oversight / budget hearing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> COAA member possibly to appear on the hearing Feb 18th 11am- Budget hearing May6, 2015 		

End on meeting 7:15PM